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SUBJECT: LATVIA TO CONSIDER REQUEST TO JOIN GLOBAL  
INITIATIVE TO COMBAT NUCLEAR TERRORISM

REF: STATE 21535

Classified By: Ambassador Catherine Todd Bailey for Reason 1.4(d)

(C) PolEconOff delivered reftel points March 5 to Andris Pelss, Head of Nonproliferation and Arms Control Division at the MFA, and Sanita Krumina, who works in the same division. Pelss responded that the issue is something that Latvia would have to consider seriously. He said the GOL had not discussed such a possibility before, but that "personally I think we would be really interested." He added that the issue would have to go further up the chain of command for a decision, but that he is "cautiously optimistic" the GOL would want to join the Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism. Pelss promised to discuss the issue internally and brief PolEconOff with the results.  
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